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SUBJECT: INTELSAT - CHIREP/TAIWAN ACCESS

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SUMMARY: THE DANES AGREE THAT TAIWAN SHOULD CONTINUE TO ENJOY

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INTELSAT ACCESS AND BELIEVE THAT THE PRC WILL ACCEPT IT.

END SUMMARY.

1. ON SEPTEMBER 16, POLCOUNS MADE DEMARCHE REQUESTED REFTEL WITH KLAUS KAPEL WHO HANDLES MULTILATERAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS IN MFA. KAPEL RELATED THAT PRC EMBASSY REPS HERE HAD CALLED AT MFA TO PRESENT PRC'S CASE FOR MEMBERSHIP IN INTELSAT. KAPEL SAID THE DANES HAD RECALLED THE LONG-STANDING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND NOTED THAT IN ALL CASES, IF A QUESTION AROSE CONCERNING THE LEGITIMACY OF "CHINESE" REPRESENTATION, THE DANES HAVE CONSISTENTLY VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE PRC. KAPEL CONTINUED THAT THE MFA HAD POINTED OUT TO THE CHINESE THAT, IN THE CASE OF INTELSAT, THE DANES BELIEVE THAT WHILE THE PRC SHOULD BE ADMITTED TO THE ORGANIZATION, THE RIGHT OF ACCESS FOR THE TAIWANESE SHOULD BE PRESERVED.

2. KAPEL SAID THAT THE DANISH RESPONSE APPEARED TO SATISFY THE PRC REPS WHO IMPLIED THEY COULD ACCEPT SUCH A SITUATION. THE DANES HAVE SINCE LEARNED THAT SIMILAR PRC IMPLICATIONS OF BEING ABLE TO ACCEPT CONTINUED TAIWANESE ACCESS WERE MADE IN THE OTHER CAPITALS OF THE NINE.

3. KAPEL HAD NOT KNOWN THAT THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA HAD WITHDRAWN FROM INTELSAT MEMBERSHIP. HE SHARED OUR HOPE THAT THE WITHDRAWAL WOULD MOOT THE DISCUSSION OF CHINESE REPRESENTATION IN NAROB. GIVEN TRADITIONAL DANISH POLICY, IF THE QUESTION OF TAIWANESE ACCESS BECAME A CONTENTIOUS ISSUE, KAPEL DOUBTED THAT THE DANES WOULD "WORK ACTIVELY" TO RETAIN TAIWAN'S ACCESS. HE DID, HOWEVER, SAY THAT THE DANES WOULD PROBABLY BE WILLING TO LOBBY QUIETLY IN THE CORRIDORS AND WOULD SUPPORT TAIWANESE ACCESS IN MEETINGS WITH THE NORDICS AND THE NINE.
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